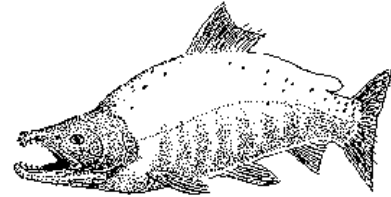


# Federal Office of Subsistence Management

## Fisheries Information Services



### ***FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES RESOURCE MONITORING PROGRAM 2004 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS***

#### ***INTRODUCTION***

- The Office of Subsistence Management invites the submission of new and continuing proposals for fisheries investigations to be initiated in 2004. As in past years, we will consider studies that gather, analyze, and report information needed for effective subsistence fisheries management on federal conservation units in Alaska. Proposals of up to 3 years duration will be considered for 2004 projects, with the exception of projects for the Kuskokwim region. In the Kuskokwim region, new and continuing projects will only be considered for one year of funding, until a strategic research and monitoring plan is completed next year. Proposals should address the following evaluation criteria: Strategic Priorities, Technical and Scientific Merit, Past Performance and Administrative Expertise of the Investigators, and Partnership and Capacity Building. Matching funds for continuation of existing projects is strongly encouraged.

#### ***FUNDING***

A funding level of approximately \$5,000,000 is anticipated for new and continuing projects in 2004.

#### ***DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS***

In addition to the guidance on proposal development presented above, this package contains two other documents to assist your preparation of a proposal for the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program:

- *Issues and Information Needs*
- *Guidelines for Preparing Proposals*

The first document presents current regional concerns identified by Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. The second document describes how to prepare a proposal, and the factors and criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals.

#### ***SCHEDULE***

February 1, 2003	Proposals due to Office of Subsistence Management.
March 15, 2003	Investigation Plans requested for proposals selected by Technical Review Committee.
May 30, 2003	Investigation Plans due to Office of Subsistence Management.
June 1– August 1, 2003	Investigation Plans evaluated by Technical Review Committee; recommended selections put into Draft Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan.
Sept. – October 2003	Regional Advisory Councils and public review Draft Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan.
December 2003	Final selection and funding approval by Federal Subsistence Board; successful investigators notified.

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION***

Submissions must be received by **February 1, 2003**. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent to the following email address: [kathleen\\_orzechowski@fws.gov](mailto:kathleen_orzechowski@fws.gov)

If you are unable to submit your proposal electronically, then paper submissions, including an electronic copy on CD or diskette, and supporting information (e.g., letters of support), should be mailed to:

Fisheries Information Services  
Office of Subsistence Management  
Attn: Kathy Orzechowski  
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***QUESTIONS??***

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Orzechowski, Fisheries Information Services, Office of Subsistence Management, at 907-786-3645, fax 907-786-3612, or 800-478-1456 (voice/message); or [kathleen\\_orzechowski@fws.gov](mailto:kathleen_orzechowski@fws.gov) (email).